

REMARKS

The instant Preliminary Amendment is filed in response to a Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures mailed May 1, 2009 (the Notice). In the Notice, it was asserted that the instant Application contains sequence disclosures that are encompassed by the definitions for nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences set forth in 37 CFR 1.821(a)(1) and (a)(2). It is also asserted the instant Application fails to comply with these requirements because Table 1 on page 17 of the instant Application contains amino acid sequences that require sequence identifiers. In the instant preliminary Amendment, Table 1 on page 17 has been amended to include sequence identifiers for each of the sequences set forth in the Table. Also filed herewith is a Sequence Listing and a statement that the content of the paper and computer readable copies are the same and include no new matter as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e) or 1.821(f) or 1.821(g) or 1.825(b) or 1.825(d).

In light of the instant Preliminary Amendment and the Sequence Listing and statement filed herewith, it is respectfully submitted the instant Application complies with the requirements for patent applications containing nucleotide sequence and/or amino acid sequence disclosures and should be allowed to proceed to prosecution on the merits.

Fees

No fees are believed to be necessitated by the instant response. However, should this be in error, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account no. 18-1982 for any underpayment, or to credit any overpayments.

CONCLUSION

Early and favorable action on the Claims is earnestly solicited.

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